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VIRGINIA'S SOYBEAN, CORN AND COTTON YIELDS ARE UP FROM THE PREVIOUS FORECAST WHILE PEANUT YIELDS ARE DOWN

Virginia soybean yield as of November 1 is estimated to be 27 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels per acre from the previous month's forecast. Soybean producers in the Commonwealth are expected to harvest 490,000 acres, down 20,000 acres from last year. Production is forecast to be 13.2 million bushels, down 16 percent from last year.

The Commonwealth's peanut yield is forecast to be 1,900 pounds per acre, down 100 pounds per acre from the previous month's forecast. Production is estimated to be 39.9 million pounds, down 27 percent from last year. Producers are expected to harvest 21,000 acres in 2007.

Cotton yields are forecast to be 748 pounds per acre, up 162 pounds per acre from last month and up 31 pounds per acre from last year. Production is expected to total 92,000 bales. Cotton growers in the Commonwealth expect to harvest 59,000 acres in 2007.

Virginia's corn producers averaged 85 bushels per acre, up 5 bushels per acre from the October forecast but down 35 bushels per acre from last year. Corn for grain production is expected to total 34 million bushels from 400,000 acres.

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**Corn Production Down 1 Percent from October
Soybean Production Down Slightly
Cotton Production Up 4 Percent**

All U.S. corn production is forecast at 13.2 billion bushels, down 1 percent from last month but 25 percent above 2006. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 153.0 bushels per acre, down 1.7 bushels from October but 3.9 bushels above last year. If realized, this yield would be the second highest on record, behind 2004. Production would be the largest on record as producers expect to harvest the most corn acres for grain since 1933. Forecast yields are lower than last month across the northern and western Corn Belt and adjacent areas of the Great Plains where actual harvest results are revealing that the impact of the hot, dry conditions during pollination was worse than initially expected. Producers in the Ohio Valley, Tennessee Valley, and Mid-Atlantic States reported higher yields than last month.

All U.S. soybean production is forecast at 2.59 billion bushels, down slightly from the October forecast and down 19 percent from last year's record high. Based on November 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 41.3 bushels per acre, down 0.1 bushel from last month and down 1.4 bushels from last year. Compared with last month, yields are forecast higher in Indiana, Michigan, Texas, and most of the Mid-Atlantic region as producers are realizing higher yields than expected. In contrast, yield prospects decreased or were unchanged across the remainder of the Nation as harvest progressed. Area for harvest in the U.S. is forecast at 62.8 million acres, unchanged from last month but down 16 percent from 2006.

All U.S. cotton production is forecast at 18.9 million 480-pound bales, up 4 percent from last month but down 13 percent from last year's 21.6 million bales. Yield is expected to average 859 pounds per harvested acre, up 33 pounds from last month and up 45 pounds from 2006. If realized, the yield will be the largest on record surpassing the previous record of 855 pounds per acre set in 2004. Harvested area of all cotton is expected to total 10.5 million acres, unchanged from last month but down 17 percent from last year. Upland cotton production is forecast at 18.1 million 480-pound bales, up 4 percent from last month but down 13 percent from last year. A record high yield of 845 pounds per acre is forecast for upland cotton. Production is higher in the Southwest and lower Delta regions with growers expecting record yields in Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. In Florida, Missouri, and Tennessee, producers are expecting lower upland production than last month. American-Pima production is forecast at a record high 811,500 bales, up 5 percent from last month and up 6 percent from last year. American-Pima harvested area is expected to total 289,000 acres, unchanged from last month but down 11 percent from 2006.



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